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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 10, 15 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khawam (U.S. Patent No. 6,678,612) in view of Denekamp (U.S. Patent No. 4,750,197). These claims have been amended as more clearly described below.

The Official Action has rejected Applicants' claims 11 and 25 by combining Khawam and Denekamp with Villevielle (U.S. Patent No. 5,953,650). Villevielle, however, is directed to a tire pressure sensor. In addition, while Applicants' claims 11 and 25 recite a shock detector, Villevielle is completely absent of any disclosure relating to a detector which detects shock. Accordingly, claims 10, 11, 24 and 25 have been cancelled and each of Applicants' independent claims have been amended to recite a peripheral device which:

... one of detects shock and detects an elevation of air pressure in said vehicle.

An elevation of air pressure in the vehicle will occur if an air bag is deployed. These features are supported by the originally filed application on page 16, lines 17 through page 17, line 5. No new matter has been added.

As stated above, all of Applicants' independent claims have been amended to recite detection of shock or an elevation of air pressure. Thus, all of Applicants' independent claims are patentable over the art of record.

The Official Action makes numerous rejections of Applicants' dependent claims. These claims, however, are patentable by virtue of their dependency on allowable independent claims.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-

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identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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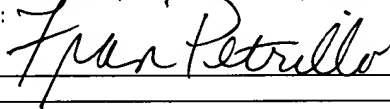
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